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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Puducherry has replaced Kerala from the first position in elementary education in the country as pointed out by Educational Development Index (EDI) for 2007-08 prepared by the National University of Educational Planning and Administration;

(b) If so, the reasons for Kerala slipping from its first position; and

(c) the variables that are taken into consideration while deciding the rank in EDI?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) (b) & (c) A set of indicators on access, infrastructure, teachers and outcomes in elementary education are used by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA),in the computation of Educational Development Index (EDI). The EDI rankings are relative in nature. In the case of Puducherry better scores on access to elementary education Si outcomes in primary education, have led to an improved ranking than Kerala.